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1. The Turkish-Albanian Friendship¹ Society of Istanbul has a current membership of 602, all of whom are Albanians with the exception of the honorary chairman, the retired Turkish general Sevki Altinay. The society has little political significance in the Albanian emigration, but restricts itself mainly to aiding needy Istanbul Albanians. The society has a bank balance of 1,800 Turkish liras and collects approximately 500-600 liras in dues each month.
2. The officers of the society are as follows:
 - Chairman - Xhevdet Veysel, bank official
 - Members of the Administrative Council -
 - Kosta Zoto, merchant
 - Lefter Sava, part owner of the Inci pastry shop
 - Irakli Nova, restaurant owner
 - Xhemal Konuri, landowner
 - Shemsedin Davutoglu, journalist
 - Mehmet Vehbi Kanter, retired officer
 - Nejas Berisha, merchant
 - Comptrollers -
 - Enver Zaim, government official
 - Petro Yusufi, student
 - Turgut Aydin, merchant
3. New elections for the Administrative Council are due to take place in March 1953.
4. An Albanian magazine, Vardar, is published by Davutoglu for the society. This magazine, which is a monthly but appears irregularly, is supported by contributions from the Albanian colony in Istanbul. Contributions have recently fallen off, so that Davutoglu was obliged to shoulder much of the expense for the latest issue, which appeared at the beginning of January.

- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Apparently the Turkish-Albanian Friendship Society is not the same as the Turko-Albanian Brotherhood and Relief Association which was the subject of [REDACTED]

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